

# **AIREYS INLET & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION**

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON SATURDAY 10 APRIL 2021 AT 3 PM  
AT THE AIREYS INLET COMMUNITY HALL**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. WELCOME/ PRESENT**

Barbara Fletcher (Vice President) welcomed everybody to the AGM.

Members present: Gary Allen, Mirren & Chris Allenson, Lyn Barnett, David Beauchamp, Angela Berry, Helen Berthelsen, Andrew & Sue Breedon, Keith Bremner, Sonya & Max Cameron, Janice & John Carpenter, Suzanne Cavanagh, Michael Collins, Annette Comte, Rod Duncan, Rachel Faggetter, Barbara & Lloyd Fletcher, Perry & Leah Gaylard, Martin Gehrckens, Mary-Jane Gething, Ros Gibson, Ian Godfrey, Sue Guinness, Claire Hanley, Jane Honman, Lyn Howden, Ian Laging, Alan Lamb, Gretel Lamont , Denis & Barbara Leavesley, Chris & Brigitte Lloyd, Suzanne Luxton, Dugald McAndrew, Libbi Mears, Nerida & Shane Milsom, Penny Morison, Jo Murray, Lecki Ord, Barrie Peel, Melanie Peverill, David & Jennifer Quinn, Chris Ryan, Megan Short, Richard Tait, Mark Wellard, Frieda Wachsmann, Margaret White, Gladys Williams, Alison Witcombe

Members who provided proxy votes: Kim Dalton, Lisa Hopkins, Anne Parker, Anne & Ian Porter, Penny Robbins

Guests:

Libby Stapleton, Surf Coast Shire Councillor and Mayor (Anglesea Ward)

Gary Allen, Surf Coast Shire Councillor (Lorne Ward)

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

Charlotte Allen, Kim Dalton, Lisa Hopkins, Linsey & John Howie, Catherine McNaughton, Kim Neubecker, Anne Parker, Peter McPhee, Anne & Ian Porter, Penny Robbins, Ian Dixon Ward

#### **3. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY BARBARA FLETCHER, AIDA VICE PRESIDENT**

Barbara welcomed everyone to the 2021 AGM and acknowledge that we were meeting on the lands of the Wadawurrung people and paid respects to their elders past, present and emerging. She then passed on AIDA's President Charlotte Allen's apology for her unavoidable absence, and said that she would in due course be reading Charlotte's 2021 President's Report on her behalf.

#### **4. PRESENTATION BY SURF COAST SHIRE COUNCILLORS**

Mayor Libby Stapleton thanked AIDA for inviting her to attend the AGM and said it was great to be on her home turf and that it was her first official function in Aireys Inlet. Her report is summarised below and will be available in full as a link in the AGM report on the AIDA website.

- Libby acknowledged the Wadawurrung people as the traditional custodians of the land and lauded Greg Day and other passionate locals who have worked with our school children over the years so that that they know about the language and culture of this ancient land;

- Council has worked hard to provide support to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, ranging from financial support to hands-on community support;
- The Shire is pleased to support events in our town as the Open Mike Festival, Love Winter in Aireys, the Aireys Markets, as well as other events that begin, end or pass through our district such as bike rides, treks and marathons. These all provide economic benefits, attract visitors to town, strengthen communities, showcase and inspire creativity, promote social inclusion and promote physical and mental wellbeing;
- The Mayor acknowledged the significant work of AIDA pulling together its 2020 Community Survey results;
- Council has been busy with deliberations framing its Draft Budget for 2021-22 and appreciates AIDA's input;
- Council's focus on Climate Emergency Response is continuing and recently a Community Climate Mobiliser Program Group. A call for expressions of interest resulted in 20 grass roots members being appointed, 4 of whom are from Aireys and district;
- Council's waste reforms are being embedded, so far resulting in a 33% decrease in landfill waste, while resource recovery from the kerbside system has increased by 20% to 75%;
- In Aireys itself, council has helped with the redevelopment of the tennis hit-up wall and three artists from the Surf Coast have been shortlisted for selection for a new artwork in front of the Community Hall.

The Vice President thanked Libby for her excellent update and called for any questions:

- Alison Whitcombe asked if there was any reason why the sculptures around Aireys that Council has paid for do not identify the names of the artists that created them? Mayor Stapleton answered that she will follow this up.
- Chris Ryan noted that following last year's Zoom AGM, which attracted many members who normally cannot attend in person, AIDA had hoped to hold this AGM as a hybrid in person/Zoom meeting. Unfortunately, the internet signal at the Hall is too weak to facilitate this. Could the Council look at provision of internet access for all community facilities in the shire? Mayor Stapleton said there is no short-term solution. Councillor Gary Allen noted that Lorne have been trying to put NBN on at the Community Connect Hall and it is a Telstra issue.
- Gary Allen added that he was happy to be at his first AIDA AGM (the first councillor to represent the Lorne Ward at our AGM). He acknowledged AIDA's role in the community, supporting its own heritage and environment in a way that has previously been missing in Lorne, and encouraged AIDA to keep up their wonderful work.

#### **4. MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 27 APRIL 2019**

The Minutes of the AGM on 30/5/20 had previously been circulated to all members.

Motion **"to accept the minutes as a true record of the 2020 Annual General Meeting"**

Moved by Barbara Fletcher

Seconded by Martin Gehrckens

Agreed.

#### **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Barbara Fletcher read out AIDA's President Charlotte Allen's 2021 Annual Report. A copy will be published in the next newsletter and on the AIDA website. No questions were asked.

#### **6. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Annual Financial Report was emailed to members with the meeting papers.  
Frieda Wachsmann read the Financial Report. A copy will be published on the AIDA website.  
No questions were asked.

Motion **“that the 2020 Financial Report be received”**

Moved by Frieda Wachsmann

Seconded by Ian Godfrey

Agreed.

## **7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**RESOLUTION that the number of ordinary members of the AIDA Committee to hold office for 2020/2021 should be set at a maximum of twelve.**

Moved by Mary-Jane Gething

Seconded by Annette Comte

Agreed.

Annette Comte, on behalf of Charlotte Allen, thanked retiring AIDA Vice President, Barbara Fletcher, for her fourteen years of service on the committee, including seven years as AIDA President. Barbara was presented with a card and a gift, then thanked again by enthusiastic applause from everyone at the meeting.

Mary-Jane Gething reported that the following nominations have been received for positions on the 2021/2022 Committee:

President:	Charlotte Allen
Vice President:	Annette Comte
Secretary:	Mary-Jane Gething
Treasurer:	Frieda Wachsmann

Committee Members:	Suzanne Cavanagh
	Ian Laging
	Leah Gaylard
	Martin Gehrckens
	Catherine McNaughton
	Peter McPhee
	Chris Ryan

There being no more than one person nominated for each position on the Committee, the persons listed above were declared to have been elected to the new Committee.

## **8. MEMBERSHIP FEE AND DUE DATE**

Motion **“that the AIDA membership fee remain at \$10 per voting member i.e. a single membership will be \$10 and a family membership \$20, and that the due date remain the 1<sup>st</sup> January”**

Motion moved by Barbara Fletcher

Seconded by Ian Laging

Agreed.

## **9. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **10. CLOSURE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The meeting was closed at 3.50 pm.

## **11. QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES**

- Richard Tait asked if there was any update on the Eden Project.  
Chris Ryan responded that the only recent official update was contained in a report from Alcoa in which the project is represented as having approval, asserting overwhelming support from the Anglesea community but acknowledging issues with the water required to fill the mine.  
Libby Stapleton noted articles about the Anglesea community's attitude to the Eden Project in recent and forthcoming issues (Nos. 144 & 145) of *NewsAngle*. She noted that at the council level approval is not considered as a given.  
Gary Allen reported that he had recently toured the ALCOA site and was impressed by the regeneration of the site. However, his impression is that the Anglesea community is quite divided on the matter and that we have to be prepared for the possibility that the State Government is likely to pull the plan in for decision.  
Libby Mears commented that the Eden Project is not within GORPACA's remit.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Aireys resident Libby Mears, chair of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORPACA), outlined the new authority's immediate and long-term plans for the Great Ocean Road, providing an early indication of how the authority will approach its task of protecting the road's environment and local communities, as well as long-term plans for tourism along the road.